(*e*) how many acres of land will be benefited by this scheme;

(*f*) what will be the expense of the Government to bring into operation the Desamangalam Pallur water supply scheme;

(*g*) comparing the number of acres to be benefited by this scheme, will the Government be pleased to inform this House the approximate cost of supplying water per acre?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1936.

(*c*) and (*d*) The benefits derivable from the scheme are being closely scrutinised.

(*e*) 480 acres in Desamangalam.

(*f*) Desamangalam Irrigation scheme is expected to cost about Rs. 19,000.

(*g*) The total maintenance charges per acre may roughly be fixed at Rs. 5—13—0 per acre.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that if this scheme is brought into effect, agriculture in that area will be protected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government seriously consider the problem once more?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The question is being looked into.

IRRIGATION FACILITIES—CHOWWARA VILLAGE.

173. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount spent in pumping water for the protection of agriculture in other villages, especially in Chowwara;

(*b*) how many acres are benefited by this method in Chowwara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Rs. 1,548 in 1113.

(*b*) 150 acres were benefited in 1113, but an area of 600 acres can be protected by the extension of the works.

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